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1. DESPITE OUR REPEATED EXHORTATIONS OVER PERIOD OF SEVERAL MONTHS, COUNCIL'S FOREIGN EXHIBITS' SECTION ONLY TODAY PROVIDED US WITH DETAILED ACCOUNT OF \$11,917.92 BILL FOR TRANSPORTATION AND TELEPHONE COSTS FOR PHOTOGRAPHY USA EXHIBIT (SEE REFTEL). MIRCEA DEAC OF EXHIBITS' SECTION SAID "SERIES OF CLERICAL ERRORS" RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAY. WE HAVE INFORMED COUNCIL THAT IT MAY TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS FOR AGENCY TO MAKE REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENT TO ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. BILL IS BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS: TRANSPORT CHARGES - \$9,904.63; TELEPHONE CHARGES - \$2,013.29. TRANSLATION OF ACCOUNTING AND ORIGINAL BEING FORWARDED TO ICS/E, ATTN: TOM CRAIG.

2. IN RELATED MATTER, WE HOPE ICS/E EXHIBIT PROJECT OFFICER CAN PROVIDE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING FOR SHIPMENT OF EXHIBIT FROM CHICAGO TO LOS ANGELES AND THEN FROM LA TO DETROIT (CONTACTING SHIPPING FIRMS, ARRANGING FOR PICKUP AND DELIVERY, ETC.). THOUGH WE REALIZE THIS IS NOT A FUNCTION ICS/E NORMALLY PERFORMS, WE HOPE AGENCY CAN BE FORTHCOMING IN THIS REGARD. SUCCESS OF ROMANIAN EXHIBIT IN U.S. WILL REDOUND TO BENEFIT OF OUR OWN EXHIBIT PROGRAM IN ROMANIA. FYI: EXHIBITS' SECTION OF COUNCIL, THOUGH IT
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HAS HARDLY DISTINGUISHED ITSELF IN PREPARING FOR ROMANIAN

RUGS IN U.S., NONETHELESS PROVIDED VERY EFFECTIVE SUPPORT IN THIS RESPECT FOR PHOTOGRAPHY USA. THEY IN FACT ASSIGNED A FULL-TIME LIAISON OFFICER TO OUR EXHIBIT. THE COUNCIL'S APPROACH TO OUR EXHIBIT PROGRAM HERE UP TO NOW HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY GOOD WILL AND GOOD INTENTIONS, EVEN THOUGH SERVICE HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN A MODEL OF EFFICIENCY BY OUR STANDARDS. IN SPITE OF FACT THAT WE HAVE TOLD THEM USIA COULD NOT RECIPROCATATE IN ASSIGNING FULL-TIME PROJECT OFFICER TO ROMANIAN RUGS, WE KNOW COUNCIL WOULD APPRECIATE AGENCY COOPERATION IN ARRANGING FOR TRANSPORTATION OF THEIR EXHIBIT IN U.S. END FYI. ALL BILLS FOR TRANSPORT SHOULD OF COURSE BE SUBMITTED TO ROMANIAN EMBASSY.

3. PLS FORWARD ASAP ADDRESSES FOR L.A. AND DETROIT MUSEUMS WHERE EXHIBIT WILL BE SHOWN SO THAT COUNCIL CAN SHIP EXHIBIT BROCHURES AND OTHER PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS. ALSO ADVISE EXHIBIT DATES IN THESE CITIES.
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